

## Fire at Sea wins top prize at Berlin Film Festival

The list of award winners from this year's Berlin Film Festival have been named, and the Italian documentary *Fire at Sea* (Fuocoammare) won the Golden Bear for best film.

From director Gianfranco Rosi, the film tells of African, Middle Eastern, and Asian immigrants and their journeys. As reported by *Variety*, Rosi said in accepting the award, "At this moment I have to think about all the people who did not survive the journey to Lampedusa. Lampedusa is a generous place.

It is a place of fishermen, and fishermen always open their arms to those who come from the sea."

Meryl Streep was president of the seven-person jury panel, and she remarked they were "swept away" by the film. Other top honours went to *Death in Sarajevo* from Danis Tanovic (Silver Bear Grand Jury Prize), Mia Hansen-Love for *Things to Come* (Silver Bear for Best Director), and Majd Mastoura for *Inhebbek Hedi* (Silver Bear for Best Actor).



## BRAD PITT

to adapt memoir 'He Wanted the Moon'

Actor Brad Pitt is set to co-produce an adaptation of "He Wanted the Moon", a memoir by Mimi Baird and Eve Claxton. Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Tony Kushner has been hired to adapt the title as a feature film.

Mimi is the daughter of Perry Baird, a doctor who was ravaged by mental depression and suffered through treatments in the 1930s and 1940s, a less-enlightened time for mental treatment.

Mimi discovered a manuscript her father had written while committed and then began piecing together the heart-breaking circumstances that occurred decades earlier when father left her at the age of six and the rest of the family refused to talk about him. In the book, Mimi recounts how she sought to get her father the overdue credit he deserved from the scientific community while also trying to give voice to those suffering from mental illness.

## Response to 'Jabra Fan' song shows star power: Varun Grover

In his five-year-old Bollywood career, Varun Grover has mostly penned lyrics for off-beat films, so, the widespread response to his latest song in superstar Shah Rukh Khan's "Fan" has overwhelmed him.

His song for the film "Fan", titled "Jabra Fan", was released by Shah Rukh recently. The song celebrates the feeling of a fan towards his idol.

Varun said the instant popularity of track made him realise the power of a star. "This is the first time a song of mine has got this big a release. For 'Masaan', we were waiting for the song to cross one lakh views on YouTube and it did after five-seven days. This one, within 24 hours, had crossed 15 lakh views. The reaction I've been getting is overwhelming. For the first time I felt the power of a star," he said.

